



**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410-0001

**THE SECRETARY**

**December 14, 2018**

**Mr. Stanley Brezenoff**  
Interim Chair and Chief Executive Officer  
New York City Housing Authority  
250 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007-2516

Dear Mr. Brezenoff,

Please be advised that if an arrangement acceptable to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the future of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is not reached on or before January 31, 2019, I intend to declare a substantial default with respect to NYCHA and exercise appropriate remedies from the wide range available under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, and other legal authorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BSC".

**Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., M.D.**  
Secretary

**CC:** Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor, State of New York  
Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor, City of New York  
Hon. Geoffrey Berman, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York